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SUBJECT: CABINET RESHUFFLE ANNOUNCED

1. PRIME MINISTER DR. ERIC WILLIAMS ANNOUNCED LATE
SEPT 18 THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE CABINET:

A. PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF ASSUMES PORTFOLIOS OF
FINANCE AND HOUSING, AND RELINQUISHES EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO.

B. THREE "MINISTERS IN THE MINISTRY" OF FINANCE
NAMED:

(1) FRANCIS C. PREVATT (FORMERLY MINISTER
OF PETROLEUM ANSSMINES) -- GENERAL MANAGEMENT
OF THE MINISTRY.

(2) LIONEL M. ROBINSON (FORMERLY MINISTER
OF AGRICULTURE) -- RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
OF COMPANIES IN WHICH THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL
PUBLIC INVESTMENT.

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(3) CARLTON K. GOMES (FORMERLY MINISTER OF

EDUCATION AND CULTURE) -- FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON
REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL.

C. PETROLEUM AND MINES -- ERROL MAHABIR (IN ADDITION
TO CONTINUING AS MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE).

D. EDUCATION AND CULTURE -- GEORGE CHAMBERS (FORMERLY
FINANCE).

E. AGRICULTURE -- OVERAND PADMORE (FORMERLY NATIONAL
SECURITY).

F. NATIONAL SECURITY -- VERNAN CAMPBELL (FORMERLY
WORKS).

G. LABOR -- BRENSLEY BARROW (FORMERLY PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT).

H. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS -- DR. CUTHBERT JOSEPH (FORMERLY
MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS).

I. WORKS -- HECTOR MCCLEAN (FORMERLY LABOR).

2. THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT CEASES TO
EXIST AS A SEPARATE MINISTRY AND ITS FUNCTIONS ARE

ABSORBED IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE.

3. NO SHIFTS WERE MADE IN THE PORTFOLIOS FOR: WEST
INDIAN AFFAIRS (WILLIAMS), HEALTH (KAMAL MOHAMMED),
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(KAMAL MOHAMMED), PUBLIC UTILITIES
(SHAM MOHAMMED), LEGAL AFFAIRS (PITT), OR TOBAGO
AFFAIRS (WINCHESTER).

4. THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED TWO IMPORTANT SHIFTS
OF PERMANENT SECRETARIES, WITH INDICATIONS THAT MORE
ARE TO FOLLOW:

A. TEASLEY TAITT FROM MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO
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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

B. FRANK BARSOTTI FROM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
TO FINANCE.

5. COMMENTS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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